

## Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2002

The sermon is on the subject of peace and security, how peace can be achieved according to Allah, when is it needed and how does Allah remove fear and anxiety. This is elucidated through the celebrated verse 56 of Surah al-Nur [The Light]:

Allah has promised to those among you who believe and act righteously that He will surely make them Successors in the Earth as He made Successors of those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them and that He will surely give them in exchange security after their fear: They will worship Me they will not join anything with Me. Then whoso is defiant after that will be of the rebellious.

The matter is further illustrated with reference to the *Ahadith* and writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be on him) had said that in accordance with Allah's Will after prophethood the Caliphate will be established and then the world will go through many stages of oppressive rules until it will be Allah's Will again to establish the Caliphate, which will be preceded by prophet hood.:

Hazrat Huzaifa (Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah stated: *Prophethood shall remain among you as long as Allah shall will. He will bring about its end and follow it with the Caliphate on the precepts of prophethood for as long as He shall will and then bring about its end. A tyrannical monarchy will then follow and will remain as long as Allah shall will and then come to an end. There will follow thereafter monarchical despotism to last as long as Allah shall will and come to an end upon His decree. There will then emerge the Caliphate on precept of Prophethood.* The Holy Prophet said no more.<sup>1</sup>

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be on him) had prophesied that the Latter Day revival of faith would be by the people of Hazrat Salman the Persian's descent:

Narrated Abu Huraira: While we were sitting with the Prophet (ﷺ) Surah al-Jumma was revealed to him, and when the Verse 'Also others from among them who have not yet joined them'<sup>2</sup> was recited by the Prophet, I asked 'Who are they, O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)?' The Prophet (ﷺ) did not reply till I repeated my question thrice. At that time, Salman the Persian was with us. So Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) put his hand on Salman, saying 'If Faith were to ascend to the Pleiades, (the highest star), even then a man from these people (Salman's folk) would attain it.'

In another narration [by Abu Hurairah] there is 'Some man from among these (Salman's folk) would attain it'.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Ahmad ibn Hanbal. *Musnad Ahmad ibn Hanbal*.

<sup>2</sup> Also others from among them who have not yet joined them. He is the Almighty the Wise. (3).

<sup>3</sup> Muhammad ibn Ismail al-Bukhari. *Sahih Bukhari*. English: Dr. Muhammad Muhsin Khan. 6 vols. (Darussalam, 1997). 6: 349.

He had declared that his *Ummah* could be exemplified with rain; one could not tell whether its first phase or part was better than its second phase or part:

Narrated Anas: The Messenger of Allah said: *The parable of my Ummah is that of a rain; it is not known if its beginning is better or its end.*<sup>4</sup>

We must always be mindful that whatever blessings we are being bestowed in this age are all due to the grace and blessing of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be on him).

Added to this is the importance of understanding the metaphorical significance of the Holy Prophet's (peace and blessings be on him) prophecy about the obligations of the Messiah, in that his breaking the Cross denotes breaking the foundation of the religion based on the Cross, whereas his killing of the swine connotes vanquishing people with impure and wicked nature:<sup>5</sup>

This means that in every state of fear, whereby the love of Allah has disappeared from people's hearts, false creeds have spread all around, and people are infatuated with the world and it is feared that the faith will be lost; at such times God will always continue to raise spiritual Caliphs [successors] at whose hands the Faith shall be granted spiritual support and triumph, and truth shall then be honoured and falsehood shall be brought to disgrace. Thus, faith may always return to its original bloom and the believers may be granted security from the fear of the spreading of misguidedness and the loss of faith.<sup>6</sup>

The complete verification of this was in the person of Hazrat Abu Bakr (Allah be pleased with him) who became a Khalifa when Islam was in a most perilous state with the evil crisis of apostasy and rebellion engulfing. The way in which Hazrat Abu Bakr (Allah be pleased with him) triumphed over these crushing calamities was indeed a fulfilment of Allah's promise.<sup>7</sup>

There is a similarity between the era of Khalifatul Masih I when people had all but written off the Ahmadiyya Community but the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had foretold that lights would descend from heavens to convince people that their objections were mistaken.<sup>8</sup>

The huge catastrophes the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had prophesied were fulfilled in the form of the two great wars:

Bear in mind that God has informed me about the coming of earthquakes in general. So know it with certainty that just as, in keeping with the prophecy, there have been earthquakes in America and also in Europe, so will they occur in different parts of Asia, and some of them will be like the Doomsday. There will be death on such a large scale that streams of blood will flow. Even birds and grazing animals will not escape this death. Such destruction will overtake the earth as has not happened since man was created. Most places will be turned upside down as if they had never been inhabited. There will also be other terrible afflictions, both in heaven and earth to the extent that every sensible person will realize that they are not ordinary phenomena, and no trace of them will be found in books of physics or philosophy. Then people will be seized by anxiety and they will wonder what is going to happen? Many

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<sup>4</sup> Abu Isa Muhammad ibn Isa al-Tirmidhi. *Jami al-Tirmidhi*. English: Abu Khaliyl. 6 Vols, (Darussalam, 2007). 5: 211.

<sup>5</sup> Ahmad ibn Hanbal.

<sup>6</sup> Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. *Barāhīn - E - Ahmadiyya: iii*. 5 vols, (Safir e Hind Press, 1882). *Ruhani Khazain*. 167<sup>f11</sup>, 168<sup>f11</sup>.

<sup>7</sup> Ahmad. *Sirr al-Khilafah [Secret of Caliphate]*. (Riyaz e Hind, 1894). R. K.: viii.

<sup>8</sup> Ahmad. *Tohfa Golarriyya [A Gift for Golarri]*. (Ziya al-Islam, 1902). R. K.: vii. 189, 190.

will be delivered, and many will perish. Those days are near; indeed they are at the door, when the world shall witness the spectacle of a doomsday.

Not only the earthquakes, but other terrible calamities will also appear, some from heaven and some from earth. This will occur because mankind has abandoned the worship of their God, and have fallen upon materialism with all their heart, all their resolve, and all their thoughts. Had I not come, these calamities might have been delayed a little, but with my coming the hidden designs of God's wrath that had remained hidden for a long time, have been manifested as God said: We never punish until We have sent a Messenger. And those who repent shall find security and those who fear before the calamity overtakes them will be shown mercy.

Do you reckon that you will be safe from these earthquakes, or that you can save yourselves by your own machinations? Absolutely not. All human works will come to an end that day. Do not imagine that America etc. were hit hard by severe earthquakes while your country remains safe from them. Rather, I see that perhaps you will encounter greater adversity than them

O Europe! You are not safe! And O Asia! Neither are you secure! And O the dwellers of Islands! No artificial 'God' will come to your aid. I see cities falling and habitations in ruin. That One and Unique God remained silent for a long time. Abominations were committed before His eyes and still He remained silent. But now He shall reveal His countenance in an awe-striking manner. Let him who has ears hear that the Hour is not far. I strived to bring everyone under the protection of God, but the ordained decrees had to be fulfilled. I say it truly that this country's turn is also drawing near. The age of Noah shall appear before your eyes, and you will witness with your own eyes the incident of the land of Lot. But God is slow to wrath. Repent so that you are shown mercy. He who abandons God is a worm, not a man; and he who does not fear Him is dead, not alive.

The current global situation appears perilously similar, prayers should be said that may Allah the Exalted negate such a time:

This entire host will soon be routed and they will turn their backs. Today you are a man of established position, and trustworthy, and My mercy is upon you in [matters of] the world and the Faith and you are among the people who have been granted the succour of Allah.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Ibid. English: 105.